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SUBJECT: JAPAN-PRC RELATIONS: PEKING POSTPONES TALKS

1. WITHOUT GIVING ANY REASON, PEKING HAS POSTPONED SCHEDULED SHIPPING NEGOTIATIONS AND IS BACKING AWAY FROM DISCUSSION OF A FOURTH NORMALIZATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. FONOFF CHINA DIVDIR FUJITA INFORMED US THAT PEKING LATE LAST WEEK SUDDENLY ASKED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS SCHEDULED FOR LATE THIS MONTH IN TOKYO ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE SHIPPING OFFICES IN PEKING AND TOKYO. PEKING ASKED FOR DELAY UNTIL AUGUST, TO WHICH JAPAN IS AGREEABLE.

2. CHINESE ALSO SUDDENLY BACKED AWAY FROM DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD BEEN PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY ON A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO DEDICATE THE NEW SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS CABLE LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN AND TO COMMEMORATE SIMULTANEOUSLY THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE

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PRC AND JAPAN SEPTEMBER 29. PEKING NOW TELLS TOKYO, FUJITA

SAID, THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE CEREMONY.

3. FUJITA WONDERED ALOUD TO US WHETHER PEKING IS USING THESE GESTURES TO SIGNAL ITS PIQUE TO TOKYO OVER RECENT STATEMENT BY MIYAZAWA CRITICIZING THE CHINESE FOR ITS ACTIVITIES ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES DISPUTE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE USSR AND HIS CAUTION ON NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: FUJITA'S WONDERMENT APPEARS JUSTIFIED.
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